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1. In May 1955 a total of 95,738,375 kg of various goods were transported in 5,126 freight cars through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (P49/X89) - Marchegg (P49/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 79,114,327 kg in 4,201 carloads and 20 boxes went from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves, and 16,624,048 kg in 925 carloads and 61 various containers went in the opposite direction.

The following goods were involved:

A. Metals	4,345,422 kg in	199 carloads
B. Metal goods	4,372,974 kg in	239 carloads & 18 cases
C. Chemicals	1,581,862 kg in	111 carloads
D. Liquid & solid fuels	68,999,270 kg in	3,582 carloads
E. Textiles	349,492 kg in	26 carloads
F. Foodstuffs	8,658,717 kg in	506 carloads & 40 boxes
G. Lumber	6,628,245 kg in	402 carloads
H. Other items	802,393 kg in	61 carloads & 23 boxes
Total	95,738,375 kg in	5,126 carloads & 81 various containers

Apart from this, 1,281 empty tankers¹ went through the two border stations, 906 from Czechoslovakia and 347 from Poland to Austria for refilling, and 28 in the opposite direction.

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2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during May 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	202,434	10	-	-	163,878	8	366,312	18
B.	1,239,023	79	52,440	4	2,027,827	113	3,319,290	196
C.	291,401	19	69,000	4	35,940	2	396,341	25
D.	14,438,000	926	52,387,540	2,552	-	-	66,825,540	3,478
E.	-	-	-	-	292,951	19	292,951	19
F.	3,804,298	252	-	-	3,691,457	186	7,495,755	438
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	43,592	3	104,015	8	70,391	5	217,998	16
Total	20,018,748	1,289	52,612,995	2,568	6,282,444	333	78,914,187	4,190

In addition there were 11 carloads (200,140 kg) of rolled iron sheets to Eastern Germany bringing the total of "metal goods" (B) to 3,519,430 kg in 207 carloads, and the grand total to 79,114,327 kg in 4,201 carloads.

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These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Austria:		[]		[]		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	366,312	18	-	-	-	-	366,312	18
B.	3,451,940	202	52,440	4	15,050	1	3,519,430	207
C.	122,378	7	172,472	11	101,491	7	396,341	25
D.	66,825,540	3,478	-	-	-	-	66,825,540	3,478
E.	12,078	1	-	-	280,873	18	292,951	19
F.	119,000	10	3,685,298	242	3,691,457	186	7,495,755	438
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	216	-	139,915	10	77,715	6	217,846	16
Total	70,897,464	3,716	4,050,125	267	4,166,586	218	79,114,175	4,201

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In addition there were two boxes (152 kg) of personal goods from [] bringing the total of "other items" (H) to 217,998 kg in 16 carloads, and the grand total to 79,114,327 kg in 4,201 carloads.

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(Abbreviations: AU - Austria JU - Yugoslavia
 CSR - Czechoslovakia []
 [] - carload(s)
 DNV - Devinska Nova Ves)

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3. Imports to the CSR via Marchegg - DNV in May 1955 were composed of:

- a. Metals 202,434 kg
 in 10 clds to DNV from AU (Vienna)
- (1) Copper 158,954 kg
 in eight clds
- (2) Nonferrous metals (unspecified) 43,480 kg
 in two clds
- b. Metal goods 1,239,023 kg
 in 79 clds (78 AU; [])
- (1) Cable 539,415 kg
 in 33 clds to DNV from AU (Floridsdorf)

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(2) <u>Corrugated sheet iron</u> in 30 clds to DNV from AU (Floridsdorf)	433,788 kg	
(3) <u>Rolled iron sheets</u> in nine clds to Bratislava & Filakovo (Q49/D20) from AU (Krems a.d.D.)	142,360 kg	
(4) <u>Copper cathodes</u> in four clds to DNV from AU (Vienna)	77,610 kg	
(5) <u>Transformers</u> in one cld to Dubnica (P49/T69) from AU (Floridsdorf)	28,200 kg	
(6) <u>Steel machinery (unspecified)</u> in one cld to DNV []	15,050 kg	25X1
(7) <u>Umbrella struts</u> in one cld to Bratislava from AU (Vienna)	2,600 kg	
c. <u>Chemicals</u> in 19 clds (7 AU; [])	291,401 kg	25X1
(1) <u>Urea</u> in six clds to Zilina (Q50/092) []	86,991 kg	25X1
(2) <u>"Zeresin" (mineral wax)</u> in three clds to DNV from AU	51,880 kg	
(3) <u>Chestnutwood extract</u> in three clds to: Lipt. Mikulas (Q50/D19) and Bosany (P49/T75) Bosany	43,391 kg 28,891 kg in 2 clds 14,500 kg in 1 cld []	25X1
(4) <u>Chemicals (unspecified)</u> in three clds to Bratislava & Kosice (R49/E34) []	38,641 kg	25X1
(5) <u>Burnt magnesite</u> in two clds to Bratislava from AU	35,000 kg	
(6) <u>Polyvinyl chloride</u> in one cld to Bratislava from AU	20,280 kg	
(7) <u>Sulphate of barium</u> in one cld to Bratislava from AU	15,218 kg	
d. <u>Liquid fuels (crude oil)</u> in 926 tankers to DNV from AU (Matzen)	14,438,000 kg	25X1
e. <u>Foodstuffs</u> in 252 clds ([] 10 AU)	3,804,298 kg	
(1) <u>Oranges</u> in 210 clds to DNV from: [] AU	3,157,670 kg 3,038,670 kg in 200 clds 119,000 kg in 10 clds	25X1
(2) <u>Lemons</u> in 42 clds to DNV []	646,628 kg	25X1

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- f. Other items 43,592 kg
 in three clds () & 20 boxes (18 AU;)
- (1) Fish flour 35,900 kg
 in two clds to DNV ()
- (2) Electric material (unspecified) 7,324 kg
 in one cld to Sokolany (R49/E22) ()
- (3) Personal belongings 345 kg
 in eight boxes
 to: Bratislava 193 kg in 6 boxes from AU
 Kosice 152 kg in 2 boxes ()
- (4) Newspapers 23 kg
 in 12 bundles to Bratislava from AU (Vienna)

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4. The goods consigned to Poland consisted of:

- a. Liquid fuels² 52,387,540 kg
 in 2,552 tankers from AU
- (1) Crude oil 30,696,830 kg
 in 1,668 tankers from Vienna & Matzen
 to: Trzebinia 26,600,690 kg in 1,452 tankers
 Jedlice 4,096,140 kg in 216 tankers
- (2) Gas oil 14,533,490 kg
 in 616 tankers from Vienna
 to: Wroclaw 4,840,020 kg in 201 tankers
 Nowa Sol 4,307,600 kg in 182 tankers
 Kozle 1,839,640 kg in 78 tankers
 Slawecice 1,691,980 kg in 76 tankers
 Gdynia 1,203,560 kg in 52 tankers
 Ustrzyki Dolne 650,690 kg in 27 tankers
- (3) Gasoline 5,712,160 kg
 in 219 tankers from Vienna
 to: Cieschowice 2,437,520 kg in 97 tankers
 Warszawa 1,303,470 kg in 51 tankers
 Szczecin 770,340 kg in 27 tankers
 Bukowina 711,570 kg in 22 tankers
 Wroclaw 489,260 kg in 22 tankers
- (4) Petroleum 1,445,060 kg
 in 49 tankers from Vienna
 to: Limanowa 823,520 kg in 27 tankers
 Bierawa 621,540 kg in 22 tankers

- b. Other items 104,015 kg
 in eight clds () which contained:

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linoleum 83,276 kg in 6 clds
 slate slabs 13,000 kg in 1 cld
 collective consignments 7,739 kg in 1 cld

- c. Chemicals (chestnutwood extract) 69,000 kg
 in four clds ()

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- d. Metal goods [] which contained: 52,440 kg 25X1
in four clds []
auto spare parts 22,360 kg in 2 clds
diesel engines 20,000 kg in 1 cld
ironware (unspecified) 10,080 kg in 1 cld
5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted of:
- a. Foodstuffs [] which contained: 3,691,457 kg 25X1
in 186 clds []
wheat flour 3,540,715 kg in 178 clds
oleaginous plants 150,742 kg in 8 clds
- b. Metal goods in 113 clds from AU which contained: 2,027,827 kg
rolled iron sheets 548,445 kg in 33 clds
steel wire 319,245 kg in 16 clds
semi-finished iron goods 242,730 kg in 12 clds
iron braces 225,990 kg in 11 clds
semi-finished copper goods 162,646 kg in 10 clds
iron wire 159,880 kg in 9 clds
steel rods 141,082 kg in 9 clds
iron rods 85,510 kg in 4 clds
band steel 77,317 kg in 5 clds
copper bolts 55,100 kg in 3 clds
machine spare parts 9,882 kg in 1 cld
- c. Textiles in 19 clds ([] AU) which contained: 292,951 kg 25X1
hemp 203,100 kg in 11 clds [] 25X1
rags 77,773 kg in 7 clds []
synthetic yarn 12,078 kg in 1 cld from AU
- d. Metals (copper in rods) in eight clds from AU 163,878 kg
- e. Other items (raffia bast) in five clds [] 70,391 kg 25X1
- f. Chemicals (crude tartar) in two clds [] 35,940 kg 25X1
6. The only item consigned to Eastern Germany (Bad Schandau) comprised 11 clds (200,440 kg) of rolled iron sheets from AU.
7. Shipments in the direction DNV - Marchegg during May 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

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Austria:							Total:		
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	
A.	3,979,110	181	-	-	-	-	3,979,110	181	
B.	805,504	31	46,040	1	-	-	851,544	32	
C.	654,321	43	155,151	13	376,049	30	1,185,521	86	
D.	2,077,580	97	-	-	96,150	7	2,173,730	104	
E.	40,600	6	-	-	-	-	40,600	6	
F.	563,465	28	578,670	38	20,827	2	1,162,962	68	
G.	-	-	820,665	50	5,807,580	352	6,628,245	402	
H.	243,402	16	85,088	7	255,905	22	584,395	45	
Total	8,363,982	402	1,685,614	109	6,556,511	413	16,606,107	924	

In addition there was one cld (15,941 kg) of textile fibres, and two pieces of double-wheels (2,000 kg) to Yugoslavia, bringing the total of "textiles" (E) to 56,541 kg in seven clds, the total of "metal goods" (B) to 853,544 kg in 32 clds, and the grand total to 16,624,048 kg in 925 clds.

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

Czechoslovakia:			Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	3,961,580	180	17,530	1	-	-	3,979,110	181
B.	826,440	30	-	-	-	-	853,544	32
C.	1,136,813	83	48,708	3	27,104	2	1,185,521	86
D.	2,173,730	104	-	-	-	-	2,173,730	104
E.	56,541	7	-	-	-	-	56,541	7
F.	1,132,962	66	-	-	30,000	2	1,162,962	68
G.	6,628,245	402	-	-	-	-	6,628,245	402
H.	542,205	42	-	-	42,190	3	584,395	45
Total	16,458,516	914	66,238	4	99,294	7	16,624,048	925

8. Exports from the CSR via DNV - Marchegg in May 1955 were composed of:

a. Metals
in 180 clds to AU 3,961,580 kg

(1) Pig iron³
in 171 clds from DNV to Krems a.d.D. and to Waidhofen 3,800,040 kg

(2) Wolfram ore⁴
in nine clds from Istebne (Q50/X81) to Villach 161,540 kg

b. Metal goods
in 30 clds (29 AU; [] & 18 cases (16 AU; 2 JU) 826,440 kg 25X1

(1) Iron pipes
in 10 clds from DNV to AU (Vienna) 300,750 kg

(2) Semi-finished iron goods (unspecified)
in 11 clds from DNV to AU 295,350 kg

(3) Semi-finished steel products (unspecified)
in two clds from DNV to AU (Waidhofen) 61,400 kg

(4) Rolled steel
in three clds from DNV to AU 60,000 kg

(5) Steel plate (sirokopasova ocel)
in three clds from DNV to AU 59,400 kg

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- (6) Iron rods 46,040 kg 25X1
in one cld from Podbrezova (Q49/D06)
- (7) Double-wheel 2,000 kg
(two pieces) from Trnava (P49/T22) to JU (Ljubljana)
- (8) Assembly tools 1,500 kg
in 16 cases from Bratislava to AU
- c. Chemicals 1,136,813 kg 25X1
in 83 clds (40 AU;)
- (1) Charcoal 549,790 kg
in 53 clds from Hnusta (Q49/D33)
to: 232,900 kg in 22 clds 25X1
AU 227,490 kg in 22 clds
89,400 kg in 9 clds 25X1
- (2) Cellulose 190,962 kg
in 11 clds from Ruzomberok (Q50/C99) & Martin (Q50/C69)
to: 143,149 kg in 8 clds 25X1
AU 47,813 kg in 3 clds
- (3) Linseed oil 183,115 kg
in five tankers from DNV to AU (Vienna)
- (4) Ground feldspar 80,000 kg
in five clds from DNV to AU (Vienna)
- (5) Starch 60,000 kg
in four clds from Boleras (P49/T13)
to: 50,000 kg in 3 clds 25X1
AU 10,000 kg in 1 cld
- (6) Carbide 26,500 kg
in two clds from Novaky (Q49/T97) to AU
- (7) Zinc sulphate 15,695 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU
- (8) Plastic material 15,751 kg 25X1
in one cld from DNV
- (9) Bleaching lye 15,000 kg
in one cld from Bratislava to AU
- d. Solid & liquid fuels 2,173,730 kg 25X1
in 104 clds (97 AU;)
- (1) Coke 1,863,350 kg
in 87 clds from Ostrava (P50/O59) to AU (Peggau)
- (2) Gasoline 158,050 kg
in seven tankers from DNV to AU (Vienna-Lobau)
- (3) Pitch coke 96,150 kg 25X1
in seven clds from Velka Ida (R49/E22)
- (4) Aviation gasoline 56,180 kg
in three tankers from DNV to AU (Vienna-Lobau)

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e. Textiles 56,541 kg 25X1
in seven clds (6 AU; 1 JU)

(1) Rags 40,600 kg
in six clds from DNV to AU

(2) Textile fabrics (unspecified) 15,941 kg 25X1
in one cld from Nachod (051/G93) to JU (Rijeka)

f. Foodstuffs 1,132,962 kg 25X1
in 66 clds ([] 28 AU; []) & 40 boxes []

(1) Malt 548,670 kg
in 36 clds from Trnava []

(2) Cottonseed oil 443,990 kg 25X1
in 15 tankers from DNV to AU (Vienna)

(3) Sheep cheese (bryndza) 69,435 kg
in nine clds from Zvolen (Q49/C74) to AU

(4) Malt sprouts 50,040 kg
in four clds from DNV to AU

(5) Frozen meat 19,365 kg 25X1
in two clds from DNV []

(6) Dried mushrooms 1,462 kg 25X1
in 40 boxes from DNV []

g. Lumber 6,628,245 kg 25X1
in 402 clds ([]) from various stations in Slovakia

(1) Cut lumber 5,102,275 kg
in 307 clds
to: [] 4,466,330 kg in 268 clds 25X1
635,945 kg in 39 clds

(2) Tree trunks and logs 1,272,150 kg
in 80 clds
to: [] 1,125,230 kg in 71 clds 25X1
146,920 kg in 9 clds

(3) Sets of wooden crates 156,750 kg 25X1
in nine clds to []

(4) Parquet flooring 59,270 kg 25X1
in four clds to []

(5) Fire wood 37,800 kg 25X1
in two clds [] 25X1

h. Other items 542,205 kg 25X1
in 42 clds [] 16 AU; [] & three boxes [] AU) 25X1

(1) Fodder 202,500 kg 25X1
in 12 clds from DNV to AU

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